A LETTER,

Nine yeeres ſince, written and firſt publiſhed : Containing a moſt briefe Diſcourſe Apologetical, with a plaine demonſtration, and feruent Proteſtation, for the lawfull, ſincere, and very Chriſtian courſe, of the Philoſophicall ſtudies and exerciſes, of a certaine ſtudious Gentleman : a faithfull Seruant to our late Soueraigne Lady, Queene Elizabeth, for all the time of her Raigne : and (Anno 1603. Aug. 9.) ſworne Seruant to the Kings moſt excellent Maieſtie.

A falſe witneſſe ſhall not be vnpuniſhed : and he that ſpeaketh lyes, ſhall periſh. Proverb. 19. verſ. 9.

To the moſt Reuerend Father in God, the Lord Archbiſhop of Canterbury, Primate and Metropolitane of all England, one of *her Maieſties moſt Honorable priuie Counſaile: my ſingular good Lord.*

MOſt humbly and hartily I craue your Graces pardon, if I offende any thing, to ſend, or preſent vnto your Graces hand, ſo ſimple a diſcourſe as this is: Although, by ſome ſage and diſcreet my friends their opinio, it is thought not to be impertinent, to my moſt needfull ſutes, preſently in hand, (before her moſt excellent Maieſtie Royall, your Lordſhips good Grace, and other the right Honorable Lordes of her Maieſties priuie Counſaile) to make ſome part of my former ſtudies, and ſtudious exerciſes (within, and for theſe 46. yeeres laſt paſt, vſed and continued) to be firſt knowne and diſcouered vnto your Grace, and other the right Honorable my good Lordes, of her Maieſties priuie Counſaile: And, Secondlie, afterwardes, the ſame to be permitted to come to publique view: Not ſo much

much, to ſtop the mouthes, and, at length to ſtay the impudent attemptes, of the raſh, and malicious deuiſers, and contriuers of moſt vntrue, fooliſh, and wicked reports, and fables, of, and concerning my foreſaid ſtudious exerciſes, paſſed ouer, with my great, (yea incredible) paines, trauels, cares, and coſts, in the ſearch, and learning of true Philoſophie; As, therein, Só, to certifie, and ſatisfie the godly and vnpartial Chriſtian hearer, or reader hereof: That, by his own iudgement, (vpon his due conſideration, and examination of this, no little parcell, of the particulars of my foreſaid ſtudies, and exerciſes philoſophicall annexed) He will, or may, be ſufficiently informed, and perſwaded; That I haue wonderfully labored, to finde, follow, vſe, and haunt the true, ſtraight, and moſt narrow path, leading all true, deuout, zealous, faithfull, and conſtant Chriſtian ſtudents, *ex valle hac miſeriæ, & miſeria iſtius vallis: & tenebrarum regno; & tenebris iſtius Regni, ad montem ſanctum Sion, & ad cæleſtia tabernacula.* All thanks, are moſt due, therefore, vnto the Almightie: Seeing, it ſo pleaſed him (euen from my youth, by his diuine fauour, grace, and helpe) to inſinuate into my heart, an inſatiable zeale, & deſire, to know his truth: And in him, and by him, inceſſantlie to ſeeke, and liſten after the ſame; by the true philoſophicall method and harmonie: proceeding and aſcending, (as it were) *gradatim*, from things viſible, to conſider of things inuiſible: from thinges bodilie, to conceiue of thinges ſpirituall: from things tranſitorie, & momentanie, to meditate of things permanent: by things mortall (*viſible and inuiſible*) to haue ſome pereeiuerance of immortalitie. And to conclude,

clude, moſt briefelie; by the moſt meruailous frame of the *whole World*, philoſophically viewed, and circumſpectlie wayed, numbred, and meaſured (according to the talent, & gift of God, from aboue alotted, for his diuine purpoſes effecting) moſt faithfullie to loue, honor, and glorifie alwaies the *Framer*, and *Creator* thereof. In whoſe workemanſhip, his infinite goodneſſe, vnſearchable wiſdome, and Almightie power, yea, his euerlaſting * power, and diuinitie, may (by innumerable meanes) be manifeſted, and demonſtrated. The truth of which my zealous, carefull, and conſtant intent, and endeuour ſpecified; may (I hope) eaſilie appeare by the whole, full and due ſurueie, and conſideration of all the Bookes, Treatiſes, and diſcourſes, whoſe Titles onelie, are, at this time, here annexed, and expreſſed: As they are ſet down in the ſixt chapter, of another little *Rhapſodicall* Treatiſe, intitled, *The Cõpendious Rehearſall, &c.* writtẽ aboue two yeares ſince: for thoſe her Maieſties two honorable Commiſſioners; which her moſt excellent Maieſtie had moſt gracioulie ſent to my poore Cottage, in Mortlake: to vnderſtand the matters, and cauſes at full; through which, I was ſo extreamelie vrged to procure at her Maieſties handes ſuch honorable Surueiors & witneſſes to be aſſigned, for the due proofe of the contents, of my moſt humble and pitifull ſupplication, exhibited vnto her moſt excellent Maieſtie, at Hampton Court, *An.* 1592. *Nouemb.* 9.

Thus therefore (as followeth) is the ſaid 6. Chap. there recorded.

* Paule to the Rom. Cap. 1. verſe 19. 20.

My labors & paines beſtowed at diuers times, to pleaſure my natiue Countrey: by writing of ſundry Bookes, and Treatiſes: ſome in Latine, ſome in Engliſh, and ſome of them, written, at her Maieſties commandement.

Of which Bookes, and Treatiſes, ſome are printed, and ſome vnprinted. The printed Bookes, and Treatiſes are theſe following.

1. *Propædeumata Aphoriſtica, De præſtantioribus quibuſdam Naturæ virtutibus.*—*Aphoriſmi* 120.-- *Anno.* 1558.
2. *Monas Hieroglyphica, Mathematicè, Anagogicéque explicata; ad Maximilianum (Dei gratia) Romanorum, Bohemiæ, & Hungariæ, Regem ſapientiſſimum, anno* 1564.
3. *Epiſtola ad eximium Dueis Vrbini Mathematicum (Fredericum Commandinum) præfixa libello Machometi Bagdedini, De ſuperficierum Diuiſionibus; edito in lucem, opera mea, & eiuſdem Commandini Vrbinatis; Impreſſa Piſauri———Anno———*1570.
4. *The Brytiſh Monarchie (otherwiſe called the Petty Nauy Royall:) for the politique ſecurity; abundant wealth, and the triumphant ſtate of this kingdome, (with Gods fauor) procuring———Anno——*1576.
5. *My Mathematicall præface annexed to Euclide, (by the right worſhipfull Sir Henry Billingeſley Knight, in the Engliſh language firſt publiſhed) written at the earneſt requeſt of ſundry right Worſhipfull Knights, and other very well learned men. Wherein are many Arts, of me, wholy inuented (by name, definition, proprietie and vſe,) more then either the Græcian, or Roman Mathematiciens, haue left to our knowledge——Anno—*1570.

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My diuers & many Annotations, and Inuentions Mathe- 6.
maticall, added in ſundrie places of the foreſaid Engliſh
Euclide, after the tenth Booke of the ſame ——— 1570
Epiſtola præfixa Ephemeridibus Ioannis Felde Angli cui 7.
rationem declaraueram Ephemerides conſcribendi. 1557.
Paralatica Cõmentationis, Praxeoſq; Nucleus quidã. 1573. 8.

The vnprinted Books and Treatiſes, are theſe:
ſome, perfectlie finiſhed: and ſome, yet
vnfiniſhed.

THe firſt great volume of Famous and rich Diſcoueries: 9.
wherein (alſo) is the hiſtory of King Salomon, euery three
yeeres, his Ophirian voyage. The Originals of Presby-
ter Ioannes: and of the firſt great Cham, and his ſucceſſors
for many yeares following: The deſcription of diuers won-
derfull Iles, in the Northen, Scythian, Tartarian, and
the other moſt Northen Seas, and neare vnder the North
Pole: by Record, written aboue 1200. yeeres ſince: with
diuers other rarities ——— Anno ——— 1576.
The Brytiſh Complement, of the perfect Art of Nauigati- 10.
on; A great volume: in which, are contained our
Queene Elizabeth her Arithmeticall Tables Gubernau-
ticke: for Nauigation by the Paradoxall compaſſe (of me,
inuented anno 1557.) and Nauigation by great Circles:
and for longitudes, and latitudes; and the variation of the
compaſſe finding moſt eaſilie, and ſpeedily: yea, (if neede
be) in one minute of time, and ſometime, without ſight of
ſunne, moone, or ſtar; with many other, new and neede-
full inuentions Gubernauticke ——— Anno — 1576
Her Maieſties Title Royall, to many forrain Cuntries, king- 11.
domes, and prouinces, by good teſtimony and ſufficient
proofe

proofe recorded: and in 12 Velam skins of parchment, fair written: for her Maiesties vse: and at her Maiesties commandement ——— anno ——— 1578

12. De Imperatoris Nomine, Authoritate, & Potentia: dedicated to her Maieſtie ——— anno ——— 1579

13. Prolegomena & Dictata Pariſienſia, in Euclidis Elementorum Geometricorum, librum primum, & ſecundum; Collegio Rhemenſi ——— anno ——— 155

14. De vſu Globi Cæleſtis: ad Regem Edoardum ſextum. 155

15. The Art of Logick, in Engliſh ——— anno ——— 154

16. The 13. ſophiſticall Fallacians, with their Diſcoueries, written in Engliſh meeter ——— anno ——— 154

17. Mercurius Cæleſtis: libri -- 24. written at Louayn -- 154

18. De Nubium, Solis, Lunæ, ac reliquorum Planetarum, immo ipſius ſtelliferi Cæli, ab infimo terræ Centro, diſtantijs mutuiſq; interuallis, & eorundem omnium Magnitudin liber Nouus, ad Edoardum Sextum, Angliæ Regem Anno ——— 155

19. Aphoriſmi Aſtrologici ——— 300 ——— anno ——— 155

20. The true cauſe, and account (not vulgar) of Fluds and Ebbs written at the requeſt of the right honorable Lady, Lad Iane, Ducheſſe of Northumberland ——— anno ——— 155

21. The Philoſophicall and Poeticall Originall occaſions, of t Configurations, and names of the heauenlie Aſteriſmes written at the requeſt of the ſame Dutcheſſe. Anno 155

22. The Aſtronomicall, & logiſticall rules, and Canons, to calcu late the Ephemerides by, and other neceſſarie accounts heauenlie motions: written at the requeſt, and for the v of that excellent Mechanicien Maiſter Richard Chaunc lor, at his laſt voyage into Moſchouia ——— anno ——— 155

23. De Aeribologia mathematica; volumen magnum: ſex deci continens libros ——— anno ——— 155

Inuentu

Inuentum Mechanicum, Paradoxum, De noua ratione delineandi Circumferentiam Circularem: vnde, valde rara alia excogitari perficique poterunt problemata. An. 1556. 24.

De speculis Comburentibus: libri sex — Anno — 1557. 25.

De Perspectiua illa, qua peritissimi vtuntur Pictores. 1557. 26.

Speculum vnitatis: siue Apologia pro Fratre Rogerio Bachone Anglo: in qua docetur nihil illum per Dæmoniorum feciſſe auxilia, ſed philoſophum fuiſſe maximum; naturaliterque & modis homini Chriſtiano licitis, maximas feciſſe res, quas indoctum ſolet vulgus, in Dæmoniorum referre facinora — Anno — 1557. 27.

De Annuli Astronomici multiplici vſu — lib. 2 — anno. 1557 28.

Trochilica Inuenta — lib. 2 — Anno — 1558 29.

περὶ κατοπτρικῶν θεωρημάτων — lib. 3 — Anno — 1558 30.

De tertia & præcipua Perspectiuæ parte, quæ de Radiorum fractione tractat — libri 3 — Anno — 1559 31.

De Itinere ſubterraneo — libri 2 — Anno — 1560 32.

De Triangulorum rectilineorum Areis — libri 3 — demonſtrati: ad excellentiſsimum Mathematicum Petrum Nonium conſcripti — Anno — 1560 33.

Cabalæ Hebraicæ compendioſa tabella — Anno — 1562 34.

Reipublicæ Britannicæ Synopſis: in Engliſh — Anno 1565 35.

De Trigono Circinóque Analogico, Opuſculum, Mathematicum & Mechanicum — libri 4 — Anno — 1565 36.

De ſtella admiranda, in Caſsiopeæ Aſterismo, cælitus demiſſa ad orbem vſque Veneris: Iterumque in Cæli penetralia perpendiculariter retracta, poſt decimum ſextum ſuæ apparitionis menſem — Anno — 1573 37.

Hipparchus Rediuiuus — Tractatulus — Anno. 1573 38.

De vnico Mago, & triplici Herode, eóque Antichriſtiano. Anno — 1570 39.

Ten ſundry and very rare Heraldical Blaſonings of one Creſt 40.

or Cognisance, lawfully confirmed to certaine auncient Armes—— lib. 1. ——— Anno—— 1574

41. Atlantidis, (vulgariter, Indiæ Occidentalis nominatæ) emendatior descriptio Hydrographica, quàm vlla alia adhuc euulgata——— anno——1580.

42. De modo Euangelij Iesu Christi publicandi, propagandi, stabiliendique, inter infideles Atlanticos: volumen magnum, libris distinctum quatuor: quorũ primus ad Serenissimam nostram Potentissimamque Reginam Elizabetham inscribitur: Secundus, ad summos priuati suæ sacræ Maiestatis consilij senatores: Tertius, ad Hispaniarum Regem, Philippum: Quartus, ad pontificem Romanum—anno 1581

43. Nauigationis ad Cathayum per Septentrionalia Scythiæ & Tartariæ litora, Delineatio Hydrographica: Arthuro Pit, & Carolo Iackmanno Anglis, versus illas partes Nauigaturis, in manus tradita; cum admirandarum quarundam Insularum annotatione, in illis subpolaribus partibus iacentium——— anno ——— 1580.

44. Hemisphærij Borealis Geographica, atque Hydrographica descriptio: longè à vulgatis chartis diuersa: Anglis quibusdam, versus Atlantidis Septentrionalia litora nauigationem instituentibus, dono data——— anno——1583

45. The Originals, and chiefe points, of our auncient Brytish Histories, discoursed vpon, and examined—anno—1583.

46. An aduise & discourse about the Reformation of the vulgar Iulian yeere--- written by her Maiesties commandement, and the Lords of the priuie Counsaile ——— anno 1582.

47. Certaine considerations, and conferrings together, of these three sentences, (auncientlie accounted as Oracles) Nosce te ipsum: Homo Homini deus: Homo Homini Lupus. 1592

48. De hominis Corpore, Spiritu, & anima: siue Microcosmicum totius Philosophiæ Naturalis Compendium--lib. 1 -- 1591.

With

With manie other bookes, pamphlets, discourses, inuentions, and conclusions, in diuers Artes and matters: whose names, need not in this Abstract to be notified: The most part of all which, here specified, lie here before your Honors vpon the table, on your left hand. But by other bookes and writinges, of another sort, (if it so please God, and that he wil grant me life, health, and due maintenance thereto, for some ten or twelue yeares next ensuing) I may hereafter make plaine, and without doubt, this sentence to be true, *Plura latent, quàm patent.*

Thus far (my good Lord) haue I set downe this *Catalogus*, out of the foresaid sixt Chapter, of the booke, whose title is this:

The Compendious rehearsall of Iohn Dee, *his dutifull declaration and proofe of the course and race of his studious life, for the space of halfe an hundred yeeres, now (by Gods fauor and helpe) fully spent, &c.* 49.

To which compendious rehearsall, doth now belong an *Appendix*, of these two last yeers: In which I haue had many iust occasions, to confesse, that *Homo Homini Deus*, and *Homo Homini Lupus*, was and is an argumēt, worthy of the decyphering, & large discussing: as may, one day, hereafter (by Gods help) be published, in some maner very strange. And besides all the rehearsed books, & treatises of my writing, or handling hitherto, I haue iust cause, lately giuē me to write & publish a Treatise, with Title, *De Horizonte æternitatis* to make euident, that one *Andreas Libauius*, in a booke of his, printed the last yeere, hath vnduly considered a phrase of my *Monas Hieroglyphica*: to his misliking: 50.

by his own vnskilfulnes in ſuch matter: and not vnderſtanding my apt application thereof, in one of the very principal places, of the whole book. And this booke of mine, (by Gods help and fauour) ſhall be dedicated vnto her moſt excellent Maieſty Roiall: And this Treatiſe dooth containe three bookes, *The firſt intitled, De Horizonte: liber Mathematicus & Phyſicus. The Secõd, De Aeternitate.: liber Theologicus, Metaphyſicus & Mathematicus. The Third, De Horizonte Aeternitatis: liber Theologicus, Mathematicus, & Hierotechnicus.*

It may now be here alſo remembred, that almoſt three yeeres after the writing of this letter, I did ſomewhat ſatisfy the requeſt of an honorable friend in Court, by ſpeedilie penning ſome matter concerning her maieſties Seaſoueraignitie: vnder this title

Thalattocratia Brytannica.

§1.

Siue.

De Brytanico Maris Imperio, Colleſtanea Extemporanea: 4 dierum Spacio, celeri conſcripta calamo. Anno. 1597. — Septemb. 20. Manceſtriæ.

¶ Truly I haue great cauſe to praiſe and thanke God, for your graces very charitable vſing of me: both in ſundry points elſe, & alſo in your fauorable yeelding to, yea & notifying the due meanes for the performãce of her Sacred Maieſties moſt gratious and bountifull diſpoſition, reſolution and verie royall beginning, to reſtore and giue vnto me (her Ancient faithful ſeruant) ſome due maintenance: to leade the reſt of my olde daies, in ſome quiet and comfort: with habilitie, to retaine ſome ſpeedie, faire, and Orthographical writers, about me, and the ſame skilful in Latine and Greeke (at the leaſt:) aſwel for mine owne bookes and workes, faire and correctly to be written (ſuch I meane, as either her moſt excellent Maieſtie, out of the premiſſes will make choiſe of, or command to be finiſhed or publiſhed: or ſuch of them, as your grace ſhall thinke

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meete or worthy for my farther labor to be bestowed on:) as else for the speede, faire, and true writing out of other ancient Authors their good and rare workes, in Greek or Latine: which by Gods prouidence, haue been preserued frō the spoile made of my Librarie, and of al my moueable goods heere: &c. Anno. 1583.* In which Librarie, were about 4000 bookes: whereof, 700. were ancientlie written by hand: Some in Greek, some in Latine, some in Hebrue: And some in other languages (as may by the whole *Catalogus* thereof appeare.) But the great losses & dammages which in sundrie sorts I haue sustained, do not so much grieue my heart, as the rash, lewde, fond, and most vntrue fables and reports of me, and my studies philosophicall, haue done & yet do: which cōmonlie, after their first hatching, and diuelish deuising, immediatly with great speed, are generallie all the Realme ouerspread; and to some, seeme true; to other, they are doubtful: and to onlie the wise, modest, discreet, godlie, and charitable (and chiefelie to such as haue some acquaintance with me) they appeare, and are knowne to be fables, vntruths, and vtterlie false reports, & sclaunders. Well, this shall be my last charitable giuing of warning, and feruent protestation to my Countrimen and all other in this case:

* Although that my last voyage beyond the Seas, was duly vndertaken (by her Maiesties good fauour and licence) as by the same words may appeare in the Letter, written by the right honorable Lord Threasurer, vnto your grace in my behalfe, and her most excellent maiestie willing his Honor so to do *Anno.* 1590. *the* 20. *of Ianuarie.*

Before the Almightie our God, and your Lordships good grace, this day, on the perill of my soules damnation (if I lie, or take his name in vaine herein) I take the same God, to be my

The feruent Protestation.

witnesse; That, with all my heart, with all my soule, with all my strength, power, and vnderstanding (according to the measure thereof, which the Almighty hath giuen me) for the most part of the time, from my youth hitherto, I haue vsed, and still vse good, lawfull, honest, christian, and diuinely prescribed meanes, to attaine to the knowledge of those truthes, which are meet, and necessary for me to know; and wherwith to do his diuine Maiesty such seruice, as hee hath, doth, and will call me vnto, during this my life: for his honor and glory aduancing, and for the benefit, and commoditie publique of this kingdome; so much, as by the will, and purpose of God, shall lie in my skill, and habilitie to performe: as a true, faithfull, and most sincerely dutifull seruant, to our most gratious and incomparable Queene Elizabeth, and as a very comfortable fellow-member of the body politique, gouerned vnder the scepter Royal of our earthly supreme head (Queene Elizabeth) and as a liuely sympathicall, and true symetrical fellow-member of that holy and mysticall body, Catholicklie extended and placed (whereseuer) on the earth: in the view, knowledge, direction, protection, illumination, and consolation of the Almighty, most blessed, most holie, most glorious, comaiesticall, coëternall, and coëssentiall Trinity: The head of that body, being only our Redeemer, Christ Iesus, perfect God and perfect man: whose returne in glory, we faithfully awaite, and daily, do very earnestly cry vnto him, to hasten his second comming, for his electes sake: iniquitie doth so on this earth, abound, and preuaile, and true faith with charitie, and Euangelicall simplicity, haue but colde, slender, and vncertaine intertainement, among the worldly wise men of this worlde.

t no time, any other,)

Therefore (here in concluding) I beseech the Almighty God, most aboundantly to increase and confirme your graces

heauenly

heauenly wisdome, and endue you with all the rest of his heauenly gifts, for the relieuing, refreshing, and comforting, both bodily & spiritually, his little flocke of the faithfull, yet militant here on earth. Amen.

An Epilogue.

Good my Lord, I beseech your grace, to allowe of my plaine and comfortable Epilogus, for this matter at this time. Seeing, my studious exercises, and conuersation 1.
ciuile, may be aboundantly testified, to my good credit, in the most partes of all Christendome: and that, by all degrees of Nobility, by al degrees of the learned, and by very many other, of godly and Christian disposition, for the space of 46. yeeres triall: (as appeareth by the Recordes lately viewed by two honourable witnsses, by Commission from her Maiesty.) And seeing, for these 36. yeeres, last 2.
past, I haue beene her most excellent Maieslies very true, faithfull, and dutifull seruant; At whose royall mouth, I neuer receiued any one word of reproch; but all of fauour, and grace: In whose princely countenance, I neuer perceiued frown toward me, or discontented regard, or view on me: but at all times fauourable, and gratious: to the great ioy and comfort of my true, faithfull, and loyall hart. And 3.
(thirdly) Seeing the workes of my hands, and wordes of my mouth (here before notified, in the Schedule of my bookes, and writings) may beare liuely witnesse of the thoughts of my heart, and inclination of my mind, generally, (as all wise men do know, and Christ himselfe doth auouch) It might, in manner, seeme needelesse, thus carefully

fully (though moſt brieflie and ſpeedilie) to haue warned or confounded the ſcornefull, the malicious, the proud, and the raſh in their vntrue reports, opinions, and fables of my ſtudies, or exerciſes Philoſophicall: but that, it is of more importance, that the godlie, the honeſt, the modeſt, the diſcreet, graue, and charitable Chriſtians (Engliſh or other,) louers of iuſtice, truth, and good learning, may, hereby, receiue certaine comfort in themſelues (to perceiue, that *Veritas tandem prævalebit*) and ſufficientlie be weaponed and armed with ſound truth, to defend me againſt ſuch kind of my aduerſaries: if hereafter they will begin a freſh, or hold on, obſtinatelie, in their former errors, vaine imaginations, falſe reports, and moſt vngodlie ſclanders of mee and my ſtudies. ¶ Therefore, (to make all this cauſe, for euer, before God and man, out of all doubt:) Seeing, your Lordſhips good grace, are, as it were, our high Prieſt, and chiefe Eccleſiaſticall miniſter, (vnder our moſt dread and Soueraigne Ladie, Queene Elizabeth) to whoſe cenſure and iudgement, I ſubmit all my ſtudies and exerciſes; yea all my bookes, paſt, preſent and hereafter to be written, by me (of my own skill, iudgement, or opinion,) I doo, at this preſent time, moſt humblie, ſincerelie, and vnfainedlie, and in the name of Almightie God, (yea for his honor and glorie) requeſt, and beſeech your Grace, (when, and as conuenientlie you may) to be well and throughly certified of me, what I am, *Intus & in cute: Reuerendiſsime in Chriſto Pater, & Digniſsime Archipræſul, cognoſce & agnoſce vultum tàm internum, quam externum pecoris tui*: And wherein I haue vſed, doe or ſhall vſe, pen, ſpeech, or conuerſation, otherwiſe

otherwiſe then as it appertaineth to a faithfull, carefull, ſincere, and humble ſeruant of Chriſt Ieſu, That your Grace woulde vouchſafe to aduertiſe mee. So, I truſt, *Vltima reſpondebunt primis*: in ſuch ſort, as this *Authentick Recorde* in Latine annexed (*ad perpetuam rei memoriam*,) doth teſtifie: hauing neuer, hitherto, had occaſion to ſhewe that, in any place of Chriſtendome: to teſtifie better of me, then they had proofe of me, themſelues, by my conuerſation among them. (The Almightie, therefore, be highly thanked, praiſed, honored, and glorified, for euer and euer, Amen.)

But now, in reſpect of the generall intent of this briefe diſcourſe, I moſt humblie, and reuerenlie, exhibit to your Graces view, & peruſing, the original monument, and Authenticke Record, before mentioned, faire written in parchment, with the ſeale whole, and perfect, duly appendant: as I haue 46. yeeres and ſomewhat longer, preſerued it. The true copie whereof, your grace dooth ſee, to be *verbatim*, as followeth.

VNiuersis Sanctæ matris Ecclesiæ filijs, ad quos præsentes literæ peruenturæ sunt, Vicecancellarius Cætusq; omnis Regentium & non Regentium, Vniuersitatis Cantabrigiæ, Salutem in Domino sempiternam. Conditiones & merita hominũ in nostra Vniuersitate studentium, affectu sincero perpendentes, eos solos testimonio nostro ornãdos esse arbitramur, quos scimus ob eruditionẽ, & morum probitatem promeritos esse, vt istud beneficium à nobis consequantur: Quamobrem, cùm hoc tempore, ipsa veritas testimonium nostrum sibi postulat, vestræ pietati, per has literas significamus, Quòd dilectus nobis in Christo, Ioannes Dee, Artium Magister, in dicta nostra Vniuersitate, fæliciter versatus, plurimam sibi & doctrinæ & honestatis laudem comparauit: De cuius gradu, & conuersatione (quæ honestissima semper fuit,) ne qua vspiam ambiguitas, aut quæstio oriri possit, apud eos, quibus huius viri virtutes haud satis innotuerint, visum est nobis, in dicti Ioannis gratiam, has literas nostras Testimoniales conscribere; & conscriptas, publico Academiæ nostræ sigillo, obsignare: quò, maiorem apud vos authoritatem, & pondus literæ nostræ habeant, Bene valete. Datum Cantabrigiæ, in plena Conuocatione Magistrorum Regentium, & non Regentium, Academiæ prædictæ. 14. Calend. Aprilis, Anno à Christo nato. 1548.

Peroratio.

THE Almightie and moſt mercifull God, the Father, for his only Son (our Redeemer) Ieſus Chriſt his ſake: by his holy Spirit, ſo direct, bleſſe, and proſper all my ſtudies, and exerciſes Philoſophicall, (yea, all my thoughts, words, and deeds) henceforward, euen to the verie moment of my departing from this worlde, That I may euidentlie and aboundantlie be found, and vndoubtedlie acknowledged of the wiſe and iuſt, to haue been a zealous and faithfull ſtudent in the Schoole of *Verity*, and an Ancient Graduate in the Schoole of *Charity*: to the honor and glory of the ſame God Almighty, and to the ſound comfort and confirming of ſuch as faithfully loue and feare his diuine Maieſtie, and vnfainedlie continue in labour to doo good, on earth: when, while, to whom, and as they may, *Amen.*

Very ſpeedily written, this twelfth euen, and twelfth day, in my poore Cottage, at Mortlake: *Anno 1595. currente, à Natiuitate Chriſti: aſt, An. 1594. Completo, à Conceptione eiuſdem, cum nouem praterea menſibus, Completis.*

Allwaies, and very dutifully, at your Graces commandement:

Iohn Dee.

PSAL. 118.
Non moriar, sed viuam, & narrabo opera Domini:

APOCALYPSIS 5.
Ecce, vicit Leo de tribu Iuda (radix Dauid) aperire librum, & soluere septem Signacula eius.

In sola Christi cruce nra est omnis nostra gloria.

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